

balanced fertilization and integrated use of chemical fertilizers alongwith the organics and bio-fertilizers is always emphasised. In acidic soils liming is needed to neutralize acidity and achieve the potential of balanced fertilization.

At the same time, there is no evidence to show that use of insecticides at the recommended lower doses can harm the soil fertility. If the insecticides are used as per the Integrated Pest Management Methodology, they do not bring in harmful effects into food products. That is why Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is widely propagated by Government of India.

However, imbalanced use of these inputs may cause some harmful effects.

[English]

Plantation Programme in Madhya Pradesh

4005. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various plantation programmes being implemented in Madhya Pradesh,

(b) the number of plants planted during each of the last three years, and

(c) the number of plants survived out of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Afforestation activities are carried out under plantation programmes/schemes of various Ministries/Departments of the Central and State Governments under 20 Point Programme. An indicative list of schemes/programmes of the Ministries/Departments of the central government is given in the enclosed statement.

(b) and (c) The afforestation activities under 20 Point Programme are carried out under two categories viz., (a) public land brought under afforestation, and (b) seedling distribution for planting on private land. The achievements of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh under these two categories during each of the last three years are as follows :

Areas in hectares
Seedling in Lakhs

Sl. No.	Year	Seedling distribution for (plantation on private lands)	Area (Public lands including forest lands)
1.	1993-94	439.00	125187.19
2.	1994-95	438.12	135000.00
3.	1995-96*	294.60	55362.36

* Information of work done for the period ending September, 1995.

Random sample checks indicate an average survival rate of seedlings planted under various programmes of approximately 57.5%.

STATEMENT

Indicative list of plantation schemes/programmes of various Central Ministries/Departments

1. Department of Poverty Alleviation and Rural Employment
 - (i) Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)
 - (ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yozna (JRY)
 - (iii) Drought Prone Area Programme
 - (iv) Desert Development Programme (DDP)
2. Department of Agriculture and Cooperation
 - (i) Integrated Watershed Management in the catchment of Flood Prone Rivers (FPR)
 - (ii) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA)
3. Ministry of Environment and Forests
 - (i) Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Projects Scheme
 - (ii) Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme
 - (iii) Non-timber Forests Produce Scheme
 - (iv) Grants-in-Aid Scheme
4. Department of Wastelands Development
 - (i) Integrated Wastelands Development Projects Scheme
 - (ii) Grants-in-Aid Scheme

[Translation]

Late Running of Trains

4006. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the train between Hatia and Patna is running late continuously for the last three years,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure running of the train on the scheduled time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the running of trains get affected at times due to reasons such as accidents, agitations, equipment failures, alarm chain pulling, miscreant activities, bad weather etc.